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3 April 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: "Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Anti-Terrorism Act:"
Conversation with Craig Coy

1. On 3 April 1986 I was called by Craig Coy of the National Security Council (NSC), White House staff. He said Mark Johnson of the Department of State had advised him that State could not concur in an Administration decision to oppose Section 103 of the "Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Anti-Terrorism Act" as passed by the House. This section grants to the Secretary of State the authority to set overseas staffing levels for all agencies.

2. Mr. Johnson further indicated he was taking this position at the direction of "higher levels" at State, and that the Director of Central Intelligence and the Secretary of State had agreed. I stated that I was not aware of any such agreement and, after checking internally with [redacted] Office of the Executive Secretariat, I called Mr. Coy back and confirmed this fact.

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3. On my return call back to Mr. Coy, he advised me that other NSC staff had just assisted him in securing NSC disapproval of a proposal by State to grant the Section 103 authority to the Secretary by means of an NSDD. Mr. Coy further stated he was in the process of writing the NSC a viewsletter to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on the legislation, and that he planned to indicate therein that NSC opposed inclusion of Section 103 in the bill (as well as Sections 102, 104 and 105). He hoped that he would have Agency support in this. I indicated he likely would and that I would contact him if there were any problems.

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